

A² 9. (Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the blend further comprises a modacrylic copolymer comprising from 35 to 85 weight percent acrylonitrile units and having the balance made up substantially of other addition polymer-forming units, being halogenated hydrocarbon such as vinyl chloride or vinylidene chloride.

10. (Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the weight ratio of component (a) to component (b) is in the range 70:30 to 30:70.

A³ 12. (Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the linear density of the fibres in component (a) and component (b) is in the range 0.1 to 10dtex.

A⁴ 14. (Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the fibres have a diameter of 12µm or less.

A⁵ 17. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the web comprises a blend of fibres of two or more types of fibre.

A⁶ 20. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the blend further comprises a modacrylic copolymer comprising from 35 to 85 weight percent acrylonitrile units and having the balance made up substantially of other addition polymer-forming units, being halogenated hydrocarbon such as vinyl chloride or vinylidene chloride.

21. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 18, wherein in the weight ratio of component (a) to component (b) is in the range 70:30 to 30:70.

A⁷ 23. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the linear density of the fibres in component (a) and component (b) is in the range 0.1 to 10dtex.

A⁸ 25. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the fibres have a diameter of 12µm or less.

26. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 15, which has a weight of from 200g/m² to 1000g/m².

A⁹ 28. (Amended) A filtration medium as claimed in Claim 15, which comprises a blend of fibres selected from the group consisting of

a) Polyvinylchloride / Polypropylene;

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- b) Polyvinylchloride / Modacrylic / Polypropylene;
 - c) Polyvinylchloride / Polypropylene / Polyethylene; and
 - d) Polyvinylchloride / Modacrylic / Polyethylene.
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